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### THE RED CROSS DRIVE.

The Third Red Cross Roll is about to prove a none too conspicuous success in Abbeville. The quota here is \$2,000. To date the amount collected is slightly over \$600. There is no report from the county. A fairly thorough canvass of the men of this town has disclosed that there is a considerable percentage who will not give to the Red Cross. Of this percentage perhaps the largest number are tired of drives. For this no one can blame them. There has been a plague of drives in recent months for every conceivable purpose under the sun and the public is weary of them. A few who have refused are opposed to the Red Cross, or have said they were. This is astounding and we are constrained to believe that this statement was a mere subterfuge or such persons are constitutionally opposed to everything that means a dollar out of their pockets; there are still that kind running loose. Other people refused because they had given their limit to other good causes—the most legitimate reason for not giving to the Red Cross.

We believe that all who can afford to give \$1.00 to the Red Cross—and there are very few who cannot—should enroll as members. Its work in the past has proved that it is at all times, in peace and war, one of the most useful organizations in this country—all this aside from higher motives of giving.

On the other hand we are in sympathy with those who have been satiated with drives for the past two years. There is too ready ground for suspicion that officers of various organizations are personally interested in continuing the work after peace has arrived just in order to keep a nice easy job. We do not believe that this is the case in many instances, but many people do. Just from a practical viewpoint, then, let the "drives" cease, for a while, and give the heckled public a chance to accumulate a little against the day when an obviously necessary cause needs and asks for money.

### ARMISTICE DAY.

Today is the anniversary of the signing of the armistice, a day that historians have already said and will continue to say marks the turning point in the history of the world. Despite the year that has intervened the war is still with us and the results—confusion and near chaos—are too prevalent to get a perspective. It's not a close-up the world needs, it's a fade-away.

The average soldier who has returned from the war is the more pleased the less said about anything pertaining to the war. There are those who lost relatives in the struggle whose heart-strings are touched with memories of the day. But the world generally is too harassed to feel very deeply about the matter—just yet.

Ten years or more, when the world is again itself, and memories of the noble sacrifice made by our soldiers in the Great War will mean more to us. The sun of a new and wonderful era will be well up in the heavens and the Day will then begin to shine with a peculiar glory.

Every Abbeville boy who lost his life in the great war left kindred and friends who will hold dear the thought of him, and the great sacrifice he made. This thought will be held and

cherished and will grow more dear as the years go by until it becomes all embracing and will mean as time goes by a heartfelt tribute to the great cause for which we fought—freedom.

### FOR TAXPAYERS ONLY.

(Proper-Gander.)

On one occasion Aristotle was asked how much educated men were superior to those uneducated: "As much," said he, "as the living are to the dead." It is also a saying of his that education was an ornament—a prosperity and a refuge in adversity. There is no need for us to even mention any arguments in favor of the benefits of education in this city for everybody here knows that, as our own Lowell has so aptly said, "It was in making education not only common to all, but in some sense compulsory on all, that the destiny of the free republics of America was practically settled."

Now we have educational advantages in Abbeville superior in many respects to those of some cities of the same size, but have we the best we can afford. Is there any parent in Abbeville county who thinks that there is anything in the world too good for their children? If so, God pity them. But are our schools good enough for our children? Don't you think that with a little loosening of purse strings that we could make some vastly beneficial improvements? For instance, we want to hold the best of our present teachers and substitute better ones for any who may not in the course of the session come up to the standard we think they ought.

If other towns, paying better salaries and needing teachers, see that we have good teachers don't you think that these teachers are going to be flooded with offers of better positions? And can you blame them for leaving our schools when social conditions and conveniences, particularly in the board question are equal, if not superior to those here, when they are offered a wage which will come nearer obtaining for them the necessities of life?

We should have a rising scale of pay for our teachers. A first year teacher, with little or no experience, should be paid the minimum salary, but that should be sufficient for the teacher to live on. Then each year they give satisfaction and remain with us their salaries should be increased, until a certain maximum limit is reached. Do you merchants pay the clerk you have just employed the same salary that you do a tried and trustworthy employee who has given you the best years of his life? Why should not schools be run on a business basis? In the store you are entrusting your money to the clerk; in the school you are entrusting your children to the teacher. Which is dearer to your heart? Who has the greater responsibility?

The trustees are arranging to convert the proceeds of the two mills which have hitherto been applied on the sinking fund but which are no longer needed, to the current expenses of the schools and are going to ask you taxpayers to increase your taxes two mills more, making a total of four mills increase in the amount collected for carrying on the work of educating your children in the best manner. Are you going to make it unanimous or are some of you going to insist that your children be taught by inexperienced girls, supervised by incompetent men? We don't believe there are any such people in Abbeville.

### HERE, THERE, AND EVERYTHING

Col. S. J. Link, the king of Press and Banner Block, has stretched again. This time he pulled one end of his business far enough to cover the space formerly occupied by the Smathers Motor Company, a business completely overshadowed in the past by Link's bargains. Those who came to buy automobiles remained to load up on Link's produce and household plunder.

The new space on Pickens Street is Annex No. 2, and how fortunate it is for Daley and Allie that Col. Link is not stretching towards them. He has promised us in their behalf, that he will make no move to take them over until he has extended his business around the corner to the Sea-

board. The new Annex, it is stated, (not in our advertising columns) but on a big piece of brown pasteboard in the left-hand window, is to be in charge of General Gambrell. (He has been promoted in title and we hope in salary since we last mentioned his name in this here column.)

General John took us by the arm on Saturday morning and led us by the bargains offered in said window, telling us how much money he was able to save the poor man if the latter wanted to buy. We told Col. R. W. Smith, lately a farmer and newspaper correspondent, but now a member of the new aristocracy on South Main street, about these bargains. He said that he never listened at any such times about bargains. He told us that if a man had bargains to offer he had always found that he told the people about it himself from the house-tops (advertising columns of The Press and Banner) and that unless General Gambrell would come out like a man and tell the people in the only proper way what he had to offer in cold print, and where his name might be printed in large type, he expected him to do well to be water-boy at the next big furniture game. The poor man, Col. Smith stated, will accept no hearsay testimony.

Last Friday's paper failed to mention the fact that Corp. Kerr had on Tuesday evening before entertained most of the prominent gentlemen in town at a set-back affair. We failed to mention the matter for two reasons; one was that it was so long from Tuesday until Friday that in the rush of business on this block we overlooked it until the forms were made up; the other was that residing entirely on Greenville Street, and being a man of so much modesty, we thought perhaps Corpulent would appreciate it if we did not print affairs like this given by him along with news of parties given on other everyday streets where they want everything written up, and all names mentioned, beginning and ending with capital letters. We had this last impression removed, however, Saturday morning when we received the following communication through the mail:

Abbeville, S. C.

Dear Sir:—Please discontinue my paper and refund my money, also cut out all advertisements, but you may continue to put my name in the paper. I suppose you know why. Well, if you don't I had as well tell you that I have got as much right to have my parties written up in your paper as has Uncle Jim. In fact, more so, because I live on Greenville street, while he is only partly on that street. It is true that he may have a little more money than I have but I am coming. If this Edison business keeps up, with furniture, buggies and wagons, and there is a large crop of rabbits on the lower place of the Kerr-etc.-Horton-etc.-Company next year, and the price of cotton is right I will be just along-side of him. Of course, if you do not want to send my money back, or have already spent it, you might still make a brief mention of the party, promising to do better next time. Just say about the party that about twenty-seven prominent men and Jenner Link, my competitor, were there; that Jim McMillan was late coming because he says since prohibition went into effect there is no reason to hurry to a party. Say that the whole house was flung open and that the furnishings were exquisite, having been purchased from the Emporium owned by me and Uncle Jim; that when all the guests were assembled everybody including Pat Roche of the Hillbillies, and Dr. Harrison looked wise and took a seat at the first table they could get to, and that Cousin Fannie and Cousin Mary and Big Sister and Miss Plevna Seal, who plays the organ in the Presbyterian choir, in elaborate style, served "a tempting salad course," as they always do at ladies' parties, and that all the men ate everything on their plates; and then were ready for dessert, which was also eaten up; that cigars were passed, the nickel ones which I purchased and the fifteen centers which Old Man Longshore contributed to the party, and that Bill Wilson smoked two fifteen cent cigars. What do you think of Bill with thirty cents worth of good cigars in his system in one night? Say that all the gentlemen played splendid set-back except Capt. Fulp, whom I had to carry, and he was some load, which I dropped at the end. Be sure to have a nice notice of cousin Tom; call him Major

Davis, as that will please Cousin Mary and say that if he plays in Winnsboro like he did at my house Jesse Doty will be sorry when he has gone. Also add a line about Uncle Jim as he always smiles his best when he notices his name in the paper. Do not forget to say that Dick Sordley was there. You know Dick does not get invited out much into sweldom and it might promote him in society if the people knew that I had him at my party. Then you know Dick promised to give a party soon and unless he is mentioned he might leave you and me at home. Say also that Will Barnwell was there. I think Will expects to give a party soon, and he would have done so a good while ago but he has been waiting on his brother, Capt. J. Foster Barnwell, who, I think, has his eye on a party as soon as the mill meeting is over, that is if Mr. Milliken likes the way he is running business at the mill. Be sure to say too that I have gone back to playing set-back. You know I said up at Uncle Jim's party that I had quit for a month and Gordon White heard me say so, and I thought then he looked like he was going to give another party before the month was out, and was thinking of someone to put in my place. I heard through my wife who has been studying her Sunday School lesson with Mrs. White that Gordon may do so at any time, and I do not wish any misunderstandings in the neighborhood. If I hear of anything else I will let you know. Just make a short notice of this, and kindly oblige,

Yours truly,  
Corp. J. D. Kerr.

The big auction sale of the Hill lands conducted by Southeastern Realty Company of Greenwood, was a success in every way. It is true that the lands did not bring their worth, but when it is remembered that these lands sold in the early spring for \$55,000, and that \$85,000 was the total price bid for them at the sale on Thursday, it will be seen that, in spite of the enhancement which has followed since the first sale, a good deal of credit must be given



## Hear it for yourself— —the Phonograph which amazed all Abbeville

Are you one of those who believe that no phonograph can match the voice of the living human? An astonishing discovery awaits you—like the thousand Abbevillians who attended the Marie Morrissey recital.

Thomas A. Edison gave his famous Tone-Test Thursday night in the Opera House. He had Miss Morrissey sing in direct comparison with the RE-CREATION of her voice by the New Edison. Music lovers were completely baffled. Their ears were unable

to distinguish the RE-CREATED voice from the living. You have never heard any phonograph that approaches the New Edison. It RE-CREATES not only the musical notes, but every elusive quality of tone and color which identify the original artist.

## The NEW EDISON

"The Phonograph with a Soul."

Come in and hear the identical instrument\* which was used Thursday evening. Make the great discovery for yourself.

## THE KERR FUR. CO.

20-21-26 North Main St.

Abbeville, S. C.

\*The instrument used in Thursday's Tone-Test is the regular model which sells for \$285 (in Canada \$431). It is an exact duplicate of the Laboratory Model which Mr. Edison perfected after spending Three Million Dollars in experiments.

## WANTS

FOR SALE:—Whole sweet milk, at 20 cents quart.  
11-4-tf. MRS. D. A. ROGERS.

WHEN IN NEED—of a good plumber, Phone 349. J. E. NORRIS.  
10-31-3tPd.

FOR SALE:—Ford Roadster, Hudson Six, Buick Six, Buick Four, Overland 79.  
MARTIN AND PENNAL,  
10-14-tf. City Garage.

WANTED TO RENT:—One or two horse farm for 1920. Address or call on G. H. SHEHER, Eureka Hotel Barber Shop. 11-4-3tPd.

FOR SALE:—Several use Cars.  
MARTIN AND PENNAL,  
11-7-tf. City Garage.

LOST:—\$150 in long leather pocket-book on train between Anderson and Hodges. Suitable reward paid if returned to

GUS LAWTON,  
11-11-3t. Pd. Verdery, S. C.

BIG SALE:—At Wm. McNeill's near Watts, on Saturday, Nov. 22, 1919. I will sell on Saturday, Nov. 22nd, between 10 and 12 o'clock, A. M., Horses, Mules, Cattle, Hogs, Corn and Farm Tools, upon easy terms to reliable parties. I have rented out my farm and will not need what I am going to sell.  
11-11-3t. WM. McNEILL.

STRAYED:—Black and white, bull yearling. Owner can get same by paying for keep and for this advertisement. J. T. CHEATHAM.  
11-11-tPd. Route 1.

STRAYED:—Black horse-mule, in very good condition. Owner can get same by paying for this ad. and the care of mule for week. EMORY THOMAS, near Harbison College.  
11-11-tPd.

LOST:—Friday afternoon, somewhere on the Square, a medium-size gold brooch, with two gold leaves and a coral in center. Notify MRS. RICHARD HILL. 11-11-tf.

WANTED:—To buy seed cotton at market prices.  
11-11-3t Pd. J. F. SUTHERLAND.

### STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

County of Abbeville.  
Take Notice that on the 4th day of December, 1919, I will render a final account of my actings and doings as administrator of the estate of W. J. Taylor, deceased, in the office of the Judge of Probate for Abbeville County, and on the same day will apply for a final discharge from my trust as such.

All persons having demands against said estate will present same for payment on or before that day proven and authenticated or be forever barred.

JOSEPH HICKS,  
Administrator.